

Connemara Hat

Materials:

I hook (for body)
F hook (for ribbing)
worsted weight yarn (Red Heart Super Saver) - 125-150 yards

Gauge:

(in hdc tblo with I hook)
about 12.5 stitches/4 inches
8 rows/4 inches



- ***This pattern uses American crochet terms.***
- ***Please read all notes before each section.***
- ***All stitches are worked through the back loop unless otherwise specified***

Abbreviations:

inc - work 2 hdc tblo in same stitch
sc - single crochet
hdc - half double crochet
tblo - through back loop only
ch - chain
ss - slip stitch
st - stitch

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## Pattern:

- ***You will begin with the I hook.***

Using the I hook, ch 4, ss in 1<sup>st</sup> ch to join

Round 1: ch 1, work 8 hdc in ring, join with ss in 1<sup>st</sup> hdc (8 st)

Round 2: ch 1, inc in each st around, ss in 1<sup>st</sup> hdc (16 st)

Round 3: ch 1, [hdc, inc]. Repeat [ ]. (24 st)

Round 4: ch 1, [hdc 2, inc]. Repeat [ ]. (32 st)

Round 5: ch 1, [hdc 3, inc]. Repeat [ ]. (40 st)

Round 6: ch 1, [hdc 3, inc]. Repeat [ ]. (50 st)

- *The ponytail split starts here. You will work in rows instead of rounds.*
- *Work into both loops on the first and last stitches of the split rows. This will keep the edges from stretching out.*
- *Fasten off at the end of each row, even if working the hat in one color. This will keep your stitches looking consistent. You will join the yarn at the beginning for each row.*

Row 7: ch 1, [hdc 4, inc]. Repeat [ ] until there are 3 stitches remaining. Inc in next stitch; do not work into the last 2 stitches. Fasten off. (58 st)

Row 8: Join yarn in the first stitch of the previous row, ch 1, [hdc 5, inc]. Repeat [ ] to last st, inc in last st. (68 st)

Row 9-13: Join yarn in the first stitch of the previous row, ch 1, hdc around. (68 st)

- *Now you will join the hat into the round again.*

Round 14: Join yarn in the first stitch of the previous row, ch 1, hdc around, ch 2, ss in first st of the row (70 st)

Round 15: ch 1, hdc around, ss in first st (70 st)



- *Switch to F hook for ribbing portion.*
- *If you will be working in the same color yarn, there is no need to fasten off.*
- *You will join the ribbing to the hat as you go by slip stitching into the next 2 stitches of the hat.*
- *Continue working through the back loop for the ribbing. Slip stitches will be through both loops.*

Using F hook, ch 7.

Row 1: sc in second ch and the next 5 ch, ss in next 2 st of hat (6 sc)

Row 2: sc tblo in each sc across (6 sc)

Row 3: ch 1, sc tblo in each sc across, ss in next 2 st of hat (6 sc)

Row 4-70: Repeat Row 2 and Row 3.

To finish, flip hat inside out and slip stitch the ribbing together, working through the free loop of the starting ch, and the back loop of the last row. Fasten off.

#### Ponytail Hole Edging:

Join yarn in ponytail hole. Using the I hook, single crochet evenly around the hole (this part is not in the back loop only). Fasten off.

#### Pompom:

If desired, add pompom. I used a Boye pompom maker that consists of plastic rings, and you weave the yarn through to where the hole is pretty much filled in. I used different colors to make a multicolored pompom. Tie this on to the hat securely and weave in ends.